

JAIL SENTENCES GIVEN SUFFRAGE ART DESTROYERS

One Girl Collapses In Dock From Weakness Caused By Hunger.

PICTURES SLASHED AS PROTEST AGAINST KING

Prisoner Points to Degradation of Women Under Man-Made Laws.

London, May 26.—An almost uncanny stillness, in marked contrast to recent police court scenes in which militant suffragettes have participated, reigned today at the London sessions during the trial and conviction of the women vandals of the National Gallery and the Royal Academy and of the recent raiders who broke many windows in the west end of London. Sentence of six months imprisonment was pronounced on each of the picture destroyers, while the window smashers in all cases were condemned to terms of four months.

Several of the women refused to give their names and were tried as "number six" and "number seven" convicted as a window breaker was so weak from the effects of a "hunger and thirst strike" she had carried on since her arrest that she had to be carried into court by several women wardens. She collapsed in a huddled heap, her body quivering and her hands clutching convulsively at the sleeves of bystanders and it became necessary to give her a restorative.

Freda Graham, who slashed several valuable paintings in the National Gallery on May 22, was obviously disappointed at the fact that her militant sisters were not allowed to come into court. She harangued the jury, declaring she had attacked the pictures "as a protest against King George's illegal and unconstitutional action in refusing to receive a legal deposition of women."

She added: "What are five pictures compared with 80,000 pictures by the greatest artist of all, which are shamefully defaced, damaged and degraded by men each night."

Mary Spencer, who defaced a picture at the Royal Academy on May 22, told the jury that the only way left for women to express their views was to damage property, as they resented human life too much to destroy it.

Extraordinary precautions have been taken at the Epsom race course to prevent anything like a repetition of last year's tragic interference by suffragettes with the running of the Derby, when Emily Wilding Davison met her death by leaping on the course where the King's horse was running.

A force of 2,000 police will be on duty during the meeting, extra barriers have been put up and strategically weak points are the arrangements to prevent King George and Queen Mary being subjected to annoyance by militant suffragettes have been made as perfect as possible.

VATERLAND IS AN EXPENSIVE CRAFT

Every Time She Stops or Starts, Something Breaks and Owners Pay

New York, May 26.—The great steamship Vaterland, which took four hours to dock when she reached here on her maiden voyage, sank two coal barges as she steamed out of her berth today.

Backing out under her own steam, her momentum carried her across the Hudson and she slipped out between two piers, where the coal barges, carrying 500 tons of coal each, were tied. Both barges went down almost at once, but no lives were lost.

The Vaterland cut her way into the slip almost to the shore and, backing out, the water churned by her screw snapped the lines which held two Morgan liners. These vessels crashed against the side of the pier, damaging their rails and woodwork.

BODY OF EMPRESS BURIED WITH ALL ANCIENT RITES

Kyoto, Japan, May 26.—With ancient rite, the coffin containing the body of the late Empress Dowager Haruko, was placed today in a grave at the imperial mausoleum of Monzen. The burial place is near that of the Emperor Mutshuho. Many thousands of persons knelt in prayer during the ceremony.

Fulfilling imperial tradition, four clay figures representing guardian warriors were buried with the coffin, one at each corner. They are the spirits who will guard over the body of Her Majesty. They wear armor and helmets with swords in fur sheaths, quivers, bows and arrows and their feet are encased in metal shoes.

A little shrine with a roof thatched with the bark of the shoki tree was placed over the grave.

FERGUSON'S FORMER WIFE STILL WAITING FOR HER ALIMONY

Walton Ferguson, Jr., the wealthy Standard young man who married a half-breed Maine guide as co-respondent when he secured a divorce from Emille Carstairs Ferguson in 1911, has been sued by his former mother-in-law for failure to pay alimony, according to an alleged agreement. In papers filed today in the superior court, Mary White Carstairs, a member of the rich Philadelphia family of distillers, sued for \$2,000.

The plaintiff says that on October 19, 1913, Ferguson made an agreement to pay his divorced wife \$300 a month for life. It is said that after four months Ferguson failed to make the payment assigned to the plaintiff by Emille Carstairs Ferguson. She demanded the money from Ferguson, but he refused to pay.

The Ferguson divorce suit was one of the most sensational ever heard in this city. Ferguson introduced testimony to show that his wife had taken long trips in the Maine woods with Charles Graham, a guide. Mrs. Ferguson charged her husband with cruelty. Judge Curtis awarded the decree to Ferguson.

CABLEGRAM OF CONDOLENCE IS SENT TO HUNGARY

Bridgeport Hungarians Take Action on Demise of Son Of Kossuth.

East Bridgeport Thoroughfare Was Named In Honor of Distinguished Patriot.

In a cablegram sent today to leaders of the Independent party at Budapest, Hungary, members of the Magyar Independent club of Bridgeport, express their sorrow at the death of Ferenc Lajos Kossuth, patriot and leader of the Independent party, whose death occurred yesterday. The cablegram is as follows:

"Hungarian nation's loss and mourning because of death of Kossuth shared in by Independent club at Bridgeport, Conn. Rev. Alexander Ludman, president."

This cablegram was sent after a meeting of the club in Rockaway Hall in Fortwick avenue, last night. Rev. Mr. Ludman who is pastor of the Hungarian Reformed church, as well as president of the club, presided. It is estimated that there are 10,000 persons of Hungarian nationality in this city. A large number of them reside in the West End, south of the railroad tracks. Where they have built up a wonderful community with public and parochial schools, five splendid churches and a number of public halls and meeting places.

Many of the Hungarian people in Bridgeport are affiliated with the Independent movement in the homeland. Those who are not have much respect and love for Francis Kossuth as well as for the nation and devotion to the memory of his illustrious son, Louis Kossuth. The thoroughfare on the east side of Washington park was named in honor of Kossuth, the elder soon after his visit to America, in 1852.

It is expected that within a few days the United Hungarian societies and Hungarian Confederation of Stock Exchange societies, will hold a meeting to adopt resolutions of sorrow. Today on the buildings owned by the Hungarians in the West End, the Hungarian flags were displayed in their mast below the United States flag.

LOCAL AUTO DEALER WHO KILLED GIRL SENTENCED TO JAIL

Fred Larson, proprietor of the Bridgeport Garage & Equipment Co., whose automobile struck and killed Pauline Balon in Fairfield last month, was sentenced to jail for three months by Judge Gager in the criminal superior court this morning. He pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

In passing sentence Judge Gager said: "I have, of course, no sympathy with this reckless automobile driving. The instrumentality used is so inherently dangerous that there is a great burden of responsibility upon drivers of automobiles. They don't seem altogether to have waked up to it yet."

The girl was struck just after she alighted from a trolley car at Benson's road crossing. It was shown that Larson's auto was following a short distance behind a machine driven by Fred Mills, a local garage proprietor. Larson claimed he did not see the girl until she was within ten feet of the machine.

YALE PROFESSOR HEADS FEDERAL GRAND JURY TO PROBE SHOE THEFTS

Hartford, May 26.—The federal grand jury is in session in this city today. It has before it the case of Carmelo Adinolfi, Salvatore Delucia and others against whom the district attorney charged theft of shoes from railway car.

Prof. Thomas R. Lounsbury, of Sheffield Scientific School, is foreman of the jury. Judge Edwin S. Thomas today assigned the conspiracy case of Mrs. Elizabeth C. Holman against her former husband, Prof. Crinston E. Holman, and Dr. O. C. Smith and Dr. Paul Waterman, of this city, for \$50,000 for trial on June 2. The petit jury comes in Wednesday and several cases are down for trial. Judge Thomas announced that the admiralty cases would go over until fall.

WOMAN ACCUSES POLICEMAN OF ROUGH USAGE

Supt. Birmingham Orders Thorough Investigation of Complaint

VICTIM TREATED AT EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

Surgeon Finds Evidence That Woman Was Roughly Handled

Accusing a member of Bridgeport police department, as yet unidentified by Superintendent Birmingham on account of the meagre description given, of being roughly handled and assaulted her last night in her Church street home, Mrs. Susie Bubko appeared at the emergency hospital today for treatment. Dr. Beaudry found black and blue marks on her arms, one thigh bruised and her chest showing indications of rough treatment. Superintendent Birmingham, to whom notice of the complaint was given, at once ordered officers of the Second precinct police station to make a thorough investigation.

This afternoon Policeman O. F. Baker denied having laid hands on any woman. Superintendent Birmingham admitted that he had received a report of the alleged assault, but that no details have been learned. He said the investigation will be thorough.

According to Mrs. Bubko's story, she was charged by Mrs. Julia Maszak, a neighbor, with having stolen some milk and bread. This accusation, she says, resulted in a policeman visiting her home. On the table was bread and milk, but she contended that she had bought and paid for it, even offering to go to the grocery and have him support her contention. She was only partially dressed, she says, and asked to be allowed to don proper street attire.

It was then, according to her story, that the policeman got angry, started to pull her about and then knocked her down, kicking her as she lay prostrate on the floor. Neighbors advised her to leave the place at once. Mrs. Bubko speaks English poorly and it was with difficulty that the gist of her story was secured.

SILLIMAN SAFE, HIS WIFE HEARS

Washington, May 26.—Normal conditions are prevailing again in Monterey, Consul General Hanna reported today to the state department. The railroad to Saitillo was in regular operating condition today and the consul reported his plan to go to that city.

Mrs. John R. Silliman, wife of the vice consul at Saitillo, learned of her husband's safe arrival in Mexico City, through the state department and Consul General Hanna.

A message from Mrs. Silliman received here today tells of the arrest of her husband on May 12, his three weeks imprisonment and departure for Mexico City. Mrs. Silliman expects to leave Saitillo later with a party of other American women. Mr. Wheeler, of the British consulate.

WRETCH WHO SLEW MAN AND WIFE MAY BE INSANE

Michael Farkas, charged with killing Julius and Rose Cossol, all of this city, on April 22, may be adjudged insane by the criminal superior court.

Judge Gager appointed a medical commission to examine the prisoner and it was recommended that he be sent to the State Hospital for the Insane for observation. No disposition of his case will be made until he has been under treatment for several months.

William Stone, a 16-year-old boy of this city, pleaded guilty to assault on 16-year-old Alma House of Huntington. He was placed on probation. The court adjourned until June 9.

LAND STATEMENT IS POSTPONED BY MEXICAN ENVOYS

Niagara Falls, Ont., May 26.—The Mexican delegates today decided to postpone indefinitely the issuance of any statement on the land question. "We will not let the agrarian question disrupt the mediation proceedings," said one of the Mexican delegates. "I think there is a way of coming into common accord on this and other points so that we may complete our work very shortly."

The American delegates and the mediators went into conference shortly before noon.

Soft Hands Help In Repair of Highways

Washington, Pa., May 26.—Ten thousand men were working today on 2,100 miles of highway through Washington county, in response to the call for volunteers for "good roads day." Among them were professional men, merchants and manufacturers while no less than 500 students represented Washington and Jefferson College and the high schools.

A new case of the bubonic plague was discovered at Havana.

REDMOND FORECASTS DAWN OF BRIGHTER ERA FOR THE IRISH

"The cause of famine, insurrections and bloodshed, and of the disloyalty of the whole Irish people throughout the whole world is dead, buried and recalled to life by a new union, founded on mutual respect and good will between the two islands, and to be followed, I firmly believe, by a history of peace, prosperity and loyalty."

"I say on behalf of the Nationalists of Ireland that we desire their co-operation and friendship, and appeal to them in all parts of Ireland to join hands with us in making the Home Rule settlement one that will insure the prosperity and the freedom of all classes in the country."

It is scarcely worth while, perhaps, to repeat the prophetic words of the Irish party to carry Home Rule during the last few years, or the threats, made not only in the English newspapers, but by party leaders, notably Bonar Law, that if an attempt were made to carry it the third time the Parliamentary machinery would be smashed. All these prophecies and threats have vanished into thin air and the bill has passed.

—John Redmond on the New Home Rule Bill.

OMINOUS CALM FORESHADOWS IRLAND'S RISE

Unusual Quiet Worries Authorities and Troops Are Held Ready.

London, May 26.—An ominous calm prevails in Ulster following the passage of the Home Rule bill. There is no open indication that the threats leveled by Sir Edward Carson and Bonar Law are to be acted upon immediately, but the police forces of the cities of Londonderry and Belfast have been increased by several thousand and troops are held in readiness to check the first open sign of an uprising.

The Nationalists, acting upon the advice of Redmond, have made no demonstrations of jubilation in Londonderry. The Dublin Secord meetings of Carsonites are being held in all of these cities, but unusual quiet prevails.

It is this quiet which is worrying the authorities. It is held to portend that the opponents of home rule are preparing to act upon the rebellious declaration of their leaders, to set up a provisional government in the north.

The first violent clash is expected in Tyrone County, where the Council elections are being held today. Should the county go against the Unionists, serious trouble is expected. The Carsonites have openly declared that, if they lose, they will resort to "shooting a few Home Rulers."

The city of Cork is still celebrating the victory today. The Rev. Cork-Unionists are holding impromptu processions in the streets and singing the old war songs of Erin.

But in the North the quiet is strained. The silence of the Carson leaders in Belfast indicate that the next demonstration by the opponents of home rule will be by force of arms. The Carson volunteers are all armed and their arms are cached within easy reach. While Sir Edward Carson's boast of 100,000 men is highly exaggerated, it is certain that many thousands of rabid anti-home rulers are ready to rise at a given signal.

Whether the signal will be given today or be withheld until the bill is put into effect only the passing of time will tell. Undoubtedly Sir Edward Carson has it in his power to cause the loss of thousands of lives. Whether he will try to force his bluff at this cost is problematic. The authorities can only speculate.

STAMFORD DOCTOR IS FINED FOR FAILURE TO REPORT DIPHTHERIA

Stamford, May 26.—Dr. Jacob S. Nemotom of this city, was fined \$25 and costs in the city court today for failure to report a case of contagious disease. Complaint was made by the health authorities that he had neglected to report a case of diphtheria. Dr. Nemotom said in court today that he had diagnosed the case as nephritis.

COLONIAL DAMES ELECT OFFICERS

Westchester, Conn., May 26.—Mrs. William Walker, of New Britain, was elected president of the Connecticut Society of Colonial Dames at the annual meeting of that organization, held today at the summer home of Mrs. Daniel A. Markham, of Hartford. Other officers elected were:

Vice-presidents, Mrs. L. H. English, New Haven, and Mrs. Franklin G. Whitmore, Hartford; genealogist, Mrs. Mary J. Talcott, Hartford; board of managers, Mrs. F. F. Brewster, New Haven; Mrs. Thomas B. Chapman, Hartford; Miss C. C. Gilman, Norwich; Miss B. M. McKim, Hartford; and Mrs. H. S. Hotchkiss, New Haven; recording secretary, Mrs. L. M. Daggett, New Haven; corresponding secretary, Miss Edith Kingsbury, Watbury; treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Perkins, Hartford; historian, Mrs. John A. Porter, Pomfret; registrar, Mrs. Mary J. Talcott, Hartford.

"DRY'S" CALL CONVENTION.

South Manchester, Conn., May 26.—The call for the Prohibition State convention for June 23 and 24 was issued by State Chairman E. L. G. Hohenstein state officers and for the first time select a candidate for senator.

Liquor Licenses Bringing \$2,500 In Bridgeport

The great value placed upon liquor licenses since the number has been restricted by law, was indicated this morning at a hearing before the county commissioners on a remonstrance filed against Alphonse H. Goch, of 1784 Main street. John D. Smarto, a local brewery agent, remonstrated against the transfer of a license to Goch from John B. McDermott. Smarto claimed McDermott had promised to transfer the license to him, and that \$500 had been paid to bind the bargain. Robert Fitzroy, another brewery agent, said McDermott originally owned a saloon on Madison avenue. He had agreed not to transfer the license to anybody but the Home Brewing Co., but later had arranged to transfer it to Goch for \$2,500.

As soon as Goch asked the commissioners to give him the transfer, the remonstrance was filed. The commissioners reserved decision.

STATE FINDS BRIDGEPORT LIST \$1,500,000 SHY

The State Board of Tax Equalization has notified Mayor Clifford B. Wilson of its intention to increase the grand list of Bridgeport by \$1,500,000. The board, after the hearing, informed the mayor that the state list should be increased from \$11,231,709, the grand list for 1913, to \$12,731,709. This means that the city of Bridgeport will have to pay for state tax \$1,500 more than was estimated.

The Board of Equalization consists of State Treasurer Edward S. Roberts, State Tax Collector William H. Corbin and State Comptroller Daniel P. Dunn. A hearing has been set for Thursday of this week at 11 a. m. in the state treasurer's office at Hartford. Mayor Wilson declared today that he would attend the hearing and oppose the increase in the state tax and the grand list. Last year the equalization board added \$2,000,000 to the grand list of Bridgeport. The mayor thinks the list is large enough as it is at present.

When Mayor Wilson took office the grand list for 1910 was \$8,834,601. It had increased to \$11,231,709. The list for 1913 is as stated, \$12,731,709.

The mayor said today that he probably would go to Hartford alone on Thursday.

VETERAN MAIL CLERK DIES OF APOPLEXY

Simeon Royal Keith Sustained Severe Shock In Wreck of Green Mountain Express

Simeon Royal Keith of Norwalk, one of the oldest railroad mail clerks in the country, died at his home in Norwalk this morning as the result of a paralytic stroke. Mr. Keith had suffered for nearly a year from various diseases, but the stroke from which he died is thought to be the result of the shock sustained when the Green Mountain express jumped the rails while traveling at fifty miles an hour near Harrison, N. Y., May 13, and the mail car in which he was working rolled down the bank.

While Mr. Keith was not much injured physically he was unable to return to work after the accident. His family say that since that time he suffered greatly from nervous trouble, and that the shock caused him to become greatly excited.

He entered the railway mail service nearly 25 years ago, and is one of the most widely known mail clerks in the country. He was actively engaged in all of the organizations of the mail service. He was president of the New England branch of the Railway Mail Clerks Mutual Benefit Association, and very actively engaged in the affairs of the New Haven Postal Clerks Association and the Railway Mail Clerks Association, of which he had been a member since their organization.

Owing to his activity in these organizations he was sent to all sections of the country as a delegate, and it is doubtful whether any other mail clerk in the service was as widely known, or so popular with his fellow employees. Mr. Keith had no record for loss of service by the family from all sections of the country and from all classes, for his pleasing personality won him friendship with all he met.

Mr. Keith was a charter member of the Norwalk Lodge of Elks. Mr. Keith was an untiring worker and the present standing of the lodge is due greatly to his efforts. Besides being a member of the Elks, he belonged to the Norwalk Lodge of the Masons and the Odd Fellows. He was active in the affairs of the lodge.

In New England there is not a city where he is not well known for in all the years that he has been employed in the Railway Mail Service, he has been between points in these states. For the past few years he had run on the Springfield line between New York, Springfield, and Albany. He had never been in a wreck until the derailment of the Green Mountain wreck, and the shock, owing to his previous illness was too great for him.

Mr. Keith is a nephew of the late Charles E. Keith of this city who for many years was park commissioner. He is survived by a mother, Mrs. Mary E. Keith, a sister, Miss Harriet Keith, both of Norwalk, and a brother Charles E. Keith, a druggist, living at 304 West avenue, Bridgeport. A cousin, Miss Una Keith, lives at 76 Cortland street. Mr. Keith was unmarried. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

The Rev. Jerome Dougherty, former president of Georgetown University, died in New York, aged 65 years.

High School Contract May Be Canceled By Board of Education

Supervising Architect Disgusted With Delays And Disagreements Over Work--Much Material Condemned--Board of Education Fails To Select Inspector

Serious strife between members of the Board of Education, the possible cancellation of the high school contract with Durkin & Laas, the contractors to whom the work was awarded, and possible suit against the city by the firm of contractors to whom the plumbing work was given, are recalled today.

James Gamble Rogers, architect, has signified to members of the board that he is disgusted with the manner in which the work is being done on the basement, and, capping the climax today, a quantity of new facing bricks have been condemned by his inspector, John Nichols, upon the ground that they are "chipped," but which it is asserted on the spot are not of the color designated by the original sample work.

Durkin & Laas, in a recent once with members of the board, threatened suit for slander against one of the best known firms of attorneys in the city and proposed to fight the work they have begun.

The plumbing contractors, Gibson & Co. of New York, allege that they were awarded a contract by the Board of Education which called for plumbers work only. It is the belief of the members of the board who awarded the contract that they were to excavate sufficiently to lay their pipes. As the depth of excavation in the basement runs 32 feet through stone and dirt and would require the outfit of many hundreds of dollars the contractors refuse to begin the work and will contest the matter in the courts.

The board of Education in the meantime is split almost asunder over the appointment of an inspector to protect the city, having already postponed two special meetings which were to have resulted in this appointment. It is asserted that eight members of the board each have a candidate and that they cannot arrive at a satisfactory choice.

It became known today that work on the high school excavation would have stopped indefinitely three weeks ago had not two local professional men, interested in the development of a suburban tract of land come to the front and dumped thousands of dollars worth of money on the contractors, Robertson & Giovanni, who claim that payments to them through Durkin & Laas were held up upon trivial pretexts, and who had at the time taken off every team that they had on the work.

Members of the sub committee of the board, Elmer H. Havens, Nathaniel W. Bishop and Howard W. Chalenger, are at their wits' end to get out of the situation and satisfy the contending interests which daily call upon them for adjudication of minor and major matters. Most spirited meetings have been held at which threats of suits for slander have been prominent topics of conversation.

James Gamble Rogers, the architect, whom both the members of the board and the contractors have come to respect and admire, is today the keynote of the situation and if he pursues the policy he has already indicated in no unparaphrasing words before the work program of the board, including Messrs. Bishop and Havens, it is not unlikely a new contractor will soon take over some of the work begun here. The constant friction and the necessity of inspection and refection has burdened him to the point where stringent measures are claimed to be necessary.

The contract for building the high school was awarded to Durkin & Laas of New York on January 23, 1914. Work began upon the plot shortly afterwards by the removal and reconstruction of the Major Kelly brick dwelling by Miss Durkin, one of the most brilliant female contractors in the east. The contract for the excavation was sublet to Robertson & Giovanni, who were to receive \$10,000 for dirt and rock. The latter had to be blasted to a considerable depth on the west side for the purpose of making a symmetrical excavation. The work progressed several months and finally came to a stop for several days. At the time and since the sub-contractors alleged that the work they were to receive payments weekly from Durkin & Laas, they were seriously handicapped by constant disputes over figures and amounts of cubic yards of material supposed to have been excavated.

They were unable to go on with the work and would have withdrawn and begun suit for breach of contract had the land development men, who had bargained for the waste dirt and rock become afraid that they might lose the material they had already excavated in advance. Foreseeing a loss, they began to make further advances to the sub-contractors and the work was resumed. It is stated that the same conditions have since obtained and that these outsiders at the present time have no less than \$5,000 invested, which will be returned to them as soon as the foundations are completed. There remains about two weeks work before the last rock is

blasted and taken out. In the meantime rock taken from the plot had been inspected for quality by the architect and some condemned. It was asserted that an inferior quality had been used in the walls, but this was never condemned, although the sand which had been furnished by a local mason's supply house was condemned. Following these disclosures and the fact that an inferior quality of filling brick had been used, Durkin & Laas, which was at once prohibited, the Board of Education decided to install an inspector of their own. This plan was bitterly fought by certain members of the board upon the grounds that it would divide authority with Architect Rogers' men and that friction was likely to ensue. It was eventually decided to appoint a school board inspector at once candidates spring up like mushrooms over night. It is said today that there are no less than eight candidates backed by various members, each striving to appoint their own man, with the result that much bitterness of feeling has been engendered.

Capping the climax today, it became known that a bonded of nearly \$5,000 facing brick (the second lot as arrive in Bridgeport) were condemned, at least in part. At the site it was asserted that the condemnation had arisen out of the fact that the bricks were chipped and would have to be sorted. On the other hand others in charge at the spot pointed to the color which was of a dull brown and asserted that they were not according to the original sample which was light gray or terracotta.

Although members of the board of Education were not present at the time, sewer pipes being laid at this time no work has been begun and investigation showed that Gibson & Co., the New York contractors, have no intention of beginning work at the site until the time, as they have asked the board to complete the excavation through the rock-hills which lie between the symmetrical excavation and the boiler-room. Whether a technical award of this contract will cause the loss of several thousands of dollars will likely be a matter for the courts to decide. Whether it will lead to a clause in their contract which reads, "The plumbers shall do the excavating for sewers."

Whether this clause will be considered as a condition precedent to the removal of dirt exclusively, or will be construed to include blasting of rock to the depth of about 37 feet through solid rock remain to be determined.

Members Bishop and Havens have for the past month been kept on the jump adjudicating matters brought before them. The board of Education has been held at which the architect and the contractors and those involved in disputes have been present. Words are alleged to have been run high and estimated last week in Miss Durkin's telephone instructions to her lawyers in New York to at once begin suit for slander against a well known firm of lawyers who became involved.

Elmer H. Havens, a member of the Board of Education, when seen today in company with Attorney William B. Boardman, said to a direct question by a reporter for the Farmer, "I am not satisfied with the way work has been going on at the high school, and you may say that Miss Durkin will be told within the next 24 hours that she must either see that the work progresses in a more satisfactory manner or withdraw."

"Every facing brick upon the job has been condemned, not because they are chipped, but because they are not of proper quality. I think we have every confidence in Architect Rogers, here is not the slightest doubt in the minds of any of us that he is fully competent and working strictly in the interests of the city of Bridgeport, as is his assistant, Nichols, who has not feared to wonder every place of material that has been found unsatisfactory."

Mr. Boardman also admitted that he was not personally satisfied with the manner in which the work has been done and tacitly acquiesced to the admissions made by Mr. Havens in his presence.

It was stated that there is no question whatever that Miss Durkin has ample financial backing and that from investigations made she has performed work in a competent manner in other cities, but that the present work admitted to be unsatisfactory to the board as well as the architect.

Dog Gives Clue to Drowning of Family

North Bay, Ont., May 26.—The whining and peculiar actions of a cattle dog led to the discovery today of a drowning accident in which a whole family was lost. Finding that he was followed, the dog raced to the beach where three bodies had been seen floating by the sea. They were identified as Mrs. Arthur Mansbridge and her two children. A search is being made for the body of Mr. Mansbridge, who had taken his wife and children picnicking in a canoe to celebrate Victoria Day.

The Dutch Dockers' Union has claimed a general strike of workmen employed by the Holland-American line at Rotterdam.